

**Town of Blue Hill
Select Board Meeting
Monday, March 16, 2026
Minutes**

Call to Order: 5:30 PM.

Attendance/Quorum

E. Best (Chair), S. Miller, J. Wootten, A. Woog, D. Goettler (Town Clerk, Minute Taker).

Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 4/0 to approve the minutes of March 9, 2026, as edited.

Public Comment

A representative from the Blue Hill Heritage Trust distributed a revised letter, updating the length of the agreement from three to 13 years for the purpose of making it more likely to win the grant. S. Miller requested that all trail reroutes be subject to the municipal officers' approval. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 4/0 to authorize E. Best to countersign and approve the new letter, contingent upon the added language about municipal officers' approval.

A. Kratz reported that the technical assistance requests for Seaside Cemetery and Town Park had been submitted.

S. Cromwell asked whether a housing committee has been formed in connection with the Comprehensive Plan. S. Miller and A. Woog summarized collaboration with third-party groups to date.

Business

1. Harbor School "Solutionary" Project

B. Courtot, a teacher at the Harbor School, explained the context of the project and specified that the Town would not be expected to contribute financially. The Board summarized their concerns about the proposed benches. B. Courtot reported that her students were interested in the Select Board's proposal to undertake landscaping at Horton Emerson Park.

2. Voluntary Statewide Housing Survey – Participate?

S. Miller explained that the survey is not mandatory for a town of Blue Hill's size. It requests more data than the Town usually tracks, and the time will not be reimbursed. The Board agreed not to participate.

3. Stavola Building Inquiry — Hartmann

L. Hartmann requested a five-year lease of the Stavola building, during which time he would rebuild the damaged parts of the building in lieu of rent. J. Wootten will provide more details on the proposal.

4. Blaze: Compliance and Special Amusement Permit Request

Blaze requested a one-time extension of the terms of their Special Amusement Permit, allowing entertainment to run until 10:00 PM on Saturday, August 15, 2026. Blaze was previously given until March 31, 2026, to come into full permit compliance or have their liquor license revoked; they have submitted some limited documents to Z. Alvarez but have not fully met requirements. The matter of the extended permit was tabled until the liquor license deadline passes.

5. Congressionally-Designated Spending Applications

One application was submitted on March 11, 2026. A. Woog and J. Chapman will continue to collaborate on the others.

6. State Assessment Certified Ratio Letter

M. Caldwell is willing to submit the letter as the Town's agent.

Other Business

M. Cousins proposed having the part-time worker who cleans at the Transfer Station also clean the Town Office once or twice a week. The Board approved the proposal.

The Safe Streets for All orientation meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 16, 2026.

Adjournment

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 4/0 to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 PM subject to signing Disbursement Warrants.

The Disbursement Warrants were signed.